



**N**ot to trouble the Reader with the great and mighty Men, recorded in the Sacred text, nor with Poets fabulous narration of the sonnes of *Tyran*, and other Gyants of extraordinary height and stature, as *Iapetus*, *Enceladus*, *Polyphemus*, *Briareus*, *Adam*, &c. and others: But to come to the history, we read of *Agatho* an arborean, who lived in the time of *Adrian* the Emperour who was eight foot and a span in height, and of *Porus* a King of *India*, whom *Alexander* overcame in Battaille, who was foure Cubits and an hand-breadth, but *Armatus Bebricus* (as *Textor* relates) was eight Cubits high, and *Orestes* the sonne of *Agamemnon* seven: In *Plinies* time (accordingly as *Architrenius* hath left remembered. There was brought out of *Arabia*, one *Gabbara*, whose stature was nine foot by the standard and nine inches: A full halfe foot higher then hee, were *Pujo*, and *Secundilla*, whose bodies (being dead) for wonders sake, were long time preserved in a Garden nere *Rome*, which belonged to the Family of the *Salustij*. Of what a mighty stature the Emperour *Maximianus* was, may be easily conjectured of whom it is reported, usually to weare his wives bracelet, instead of a Ring upon his finger. Let these suffice for infinites, who in their Life-times were taken for men; then let not those living in this age, be held for monsters. And not to speake much of the great and tall man twelve foot high, whom some report was taken in *Ireland*, some that he was found in a remote Island, in the *West Indies*: others that he was brought from *Canadye*, who is reported to have run away with a Deare under his arme, as big as a huge stag, and did run faster then any Horse; but wee will forbear him till we see him, and come to what we know. What may we then thinke of those great Men, whose statues are still preserved in the *Guild Hall* of *London*, to perpetuall memory, namely *Corineus* and *Gogmagog*, the one a *Trojan* the other a Native, who wrastling upon *Dover Cliffe*; *Gogmagog* broke one of *Corineus* Ribs, at which he enraged clasped him in his Armes, and lifting him from the ground, cast him downe from the promontory into the Sea, which place hath ever since from succession bin cald, the fall or leap of *Gogmagog*. There is now in *London* a yong man, borne in *Lincolne-shire* but eightene yeares of Age, straight of body, and well proportioned in all his limbes, whose height already is within three inches of the great Porter: and who but knew Master *Parsons*, borne in *Shropshire*, Porter of the Kings Gate, and contemporary with Master *William Evans*, whose portraiture is here to be seene, and whose stature is seven foot and upwards.

**T**hose whom we call Dwarfs, the Latines call *Nani*, *Homunciones*, *pumiliones*, and *Punili*, &c. Such an one was *Canopes*, who was the great delight of *Iulia* daughter to *Augustus Caesar*, his height was two foot and an hand-breadth, (according to *Pliny*) of the same stature was *Andromeda*, the freed woman to *Livia Augusta*: *Varro* reports *Manius Maximus*, and *M. Tullius* (not *Cicero* the Orator) Knights of *Rome*, to have bene no more then 2 Cubits high: There were two *Molons* of an extraordinary shortnesse, the one a witty Actor, the other a cunning Theife, from whom grew a Proverbe, *A Dwarf as little as Molon*. The tallest amongst the *Pigmies* is reported not to be above two foot in height, for he is held to be a Gyant amongst them who is a hand-breadth higher: their Women beare Children at five yeares, and at eight, they are said to be old, their Land lyes in the extreamest part of the Islands of *India*, (for so saith *Claudian*, lib. 1 in *Entrop* with others) *M. Anton*: *Sisiphus* had a Dwarf not two foot high, of an excellent wit and capacity, and *Augustus Caesar* showed in the Theater one *Lucius*, borne of honest parents, lower then the former by two fingers. Likewise there was one *Robert Wainman*, who served *M. Willoughby* in *Lincolne-shire* of an exceeding low stature, an excellent Huntsman, who was after preferred to King *IAMES*, and served him till his Death. Queen *ELIZABETH* had also a Dwarf, who lived till she was very aged, the Lady *Harron* hath another of the like stature: The Lord of *South-hampton* had one of a manly face, but his height not above two Cubits, and the Lord High Marshall another at this time: and there is one now living, being a Master of Art, and an excellent approved scholler, as testifies the University of *Cambridge*. And also one *John Tomson*, borne in *Torke-shire* nere unto *Wakefield*, being a Smith at this time behind *Sainte Clements Church* without Temple-barre, and not any of these exceeding two Cubits. whosoever then shall looke upon little *M. Jeffrey*, and his small mistresse, who was late living, Her maies lies hee and these dwarfs, may with the more facility give beliefe unto these before remembered. And for him, he is one of the prettiest, neatest, and well proportioned small men that ever Nature bred, or was ever seene, or heard of beyond the memory of man, for his fine behaviour and witty discourse. But concerning Dwarfs, and the praise of little ones, whosoever desires to be instructed therein, let them read the Booke called the *The New-yeares Gift*, lately come out, (a learned though a little work,) and hee shall be better instructed, and further satisfied &c.

**S**peak not of those who lived before the flood, nor of those whom the scripture remembers after, as *Noah* and his sons; the Patriarchs and others: but I come to other Authentick Histories. *Pliny* speaks of *Arganton* king of the *Cyprians* who lived three hundred yeares. *Cymrus* king of the *Cyprians* 160. *Tereus* the daughter of *Cicero*, 107. *Ivan* the daughter of *Ophelias* 115. *Narcissus* bishop of *Hierusalem*, 116. It is reported of *Nestor* to have lived 300, *Florentinus* presbiter, 123. *Vincentius* confessor, 120. *Homer* the Poet, 108. one *Hermius*, 304. *Iohannes de temporibus*, 361. *Paulus* the first Hermit, 123. *Pacomius* the Abbat, 110. And *Calus* remembers us of one *Maria*, which lived, 123. *Galen* the most expert and excellent phisitian, 140. *Tyro* a freed-man to *M. Cicero*, 109. one *Simon Cleophas* bishop of *Hierusalem*, 120. I could remember you of infinite others, but in this relation, not very many have past the age of this *Thomas Parr*. A word or two of antient men who lived in these times. First, of a witty answer of an old man brought up out of the country by a *Sub-pa* to be a witnesse in a cause, was demanded of the Iudge, seeing him to grey, of what years he was, who answered him, that he was two and an hundred: the Iudge replied, & why not rather an hundred and two, he answered againe, Because my Lord, I was two yeares old before I was an hundred. A Iudge of this Kingdome in his circuit was met in *Hereford-shire* by 7 Morris-dancers and a piper, who could make amongst them 1100. and odd yeares. Likewise in *Leicester-shire*, within these two yeares there lived six men and their wives, who could make 1300. yeares amongst them, being Tennants to a worthy gentle-man there. A woman now living in *Holland*, cal'd *Elizabeth Paule* dwelling in *Amsterdam* by *Harlem* port, is knowne to be an 136. yeares old, she hath had 26. husbands and married the last within these two yeares. vid. *Dutch Hist.* The Countesse of *Desmond* in *Ireland*, Sr. *Walter Rawleigh* makes mentiō in his history of the world, who attained to, if not exceeded the age of that old man. There is one *Thomas King* living now at the crowne Tavern in *Smith-field*, being father to the Mistres of the house, who was eight yeares old when King *Henry* went to *Bulloine*, being 103. yeares old, and hath his strength and memory yet continued to him, and that within this twelve moneths hee hath gone 30 miles a day, for three daies together. This *Thomas Parre*, did remember, as our History Record, in King *Edward* the 4th his Reign, one *Margaret Davy* for poysoning of eleven persons, and one *Richard Rose* a Cooke, for poysoning of sixteene, were at severall times boyled to death in *Smith-field*: as also that the King was three weeks passing that short cut betwixt *Dover* and *Calis* to saile into *France*, the winds being contrary: And further he did call to mind that in the fourteenth yeare of his age, mault was told for twelve pence the quarter, and 17 at the dearest. And in a towne of *Hartford-shire*, a farmer sold 20 quarters of wheat for 20 shillings, and this man lived in the raigne of nine Kings and Queenes of *England*. This coine which you see plac'd by him, was coin'd in *Edward* the 4th time, being a groat, which he wore a long time about his neck, he lived so long, even to the age of one hundred fifty two yeares and upwards, that his daughter *Joan* was faine to feed him like a childe, a roasted apple was the last food he received, and soone after dyed, and now lies buried at *Westminster*; and shal have a monument bestowed on him.